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For: Method of Depositing an Amorphous Carbon Film for Metal Etch Hardmask Application

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/8245/BKH, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **The Pending Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.